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SUBJ: 62D ECOSOC-- ITEM 11, DECADE FOR WOMEN

1. FOLLOWING AS THE LAST PARA IS TEXT OF A RESOLUTION
ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS APRIL 20 AND PERTAINING TO THE DRAFT
CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST
WOMEN. THIS RESOLUTION WAS TABLED IN LIEU OF DRAFT
RESOLUTION ONE CONTAINED IN THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION
ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW) (E-5909).

2. THE COUNCIL HAS JUST BEGUN CONSIDERATION OF THE OTHER
NINE RESOLUTIONS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT. CONSIDERATION
OF THE INDIVIDUAL RESOLUTIONS HAS BEEN DELAYED FOR SEVERAL
DAYS DURING WHICH THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN A
PROCEDURAL BATTLE OVER HOW TO DEAL WITH THE RESOLUTIONS.
THE RESOLUTIONS AS A WHOLE INVOLVE A GREAT DEAL OF
DUPLICATION WITH RESOLUTIONS PREVIOUSLY PASSED BY THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY, PARTICULARLY 31/136, AND CONTAIN SEVERAL
CONTROVERSIAL MATTERS SUCH AS THE ISSUE OF COMMUNICATIONS,
SELECTION OF A SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR FOR THE MASS MEDIA
STUDY, AND SETTING UP OF A PREPCOM FOR THE 1980 WORLD

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CONFERENCE LIMITED TO MEMBERS ON THE CSW. SOME DELEGATIONS,
LED BY CUBA, TRIED TO ELIMINATE ALL NINE RESOLUTIONS AND
TABLE IN THEIR PLACE A SINGLE OMNIBUS
RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD HAVE EFFECTIVELY GUTTED ALL OF THE
SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAMS AND IDEAS CONTAINED IN THE RESOLUTIONS.
THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE OMNIBUS RESOLUTION WAS TO COVER UP
OPPOSITION AND PREVENT CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TEN ON

COMMUNICATIONS.

3. THE WESTERN GROUP MADE KNOWN ITS STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE OMNIBUS RESOLUTION AND WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF IRAN, WHICH HAD ORIGINALLY GONE ALONG WITH THE OMNIBUS RESOLUTION, AND THE AFRICAN STATES, PRINCIPALLY NIGERIA, MANAGED TO CONVINCE THE MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL THAT THE RESOLUTIONS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ONE BY ONE WITH AMENDMENTS MADE WHERE NECESSARY.

4. QTE: AGENDA ITEM 11. ACTIVITIES FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN; DECADE FOR WOMEN: EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

ARGENTINA, AUSTRIA, BANGLADESH, BOLIVIA, BULGARIA, DENMARK, IRAN, MALAYSIA, MEXICO, NORWAY, PHILIPPINES, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UKRAINIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC: DRAFT RESOLUTION

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3521 (XXX) OF 15 DECEMBER 1975, IN WHICH THE ASSEMBLY REQUESTED THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN TO COMPLETE, IN 1976, THE ELABORATION OF THE DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN,

COMMENDING THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN FOR ITS WORK IN DRAFTING SUCH A CONVENTION,

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RECALLING, FURTHERMORE, GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31/136 OF 16 DECEMBER 1976, IN WHICH THE ASSEMBLY, INTER ALIA, APPROVED THE PROGRAMME FOR THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN, 1/ WHICH CALLS FOR THE ADOPTION OF SUCH A CONVENTION BY THE ASSEMBLY AND ITS ENTRY INTO FORCE IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE DECADE, 1976 TO 1980.

CONVINCED THAT THE EARLY ADOPTION OF SUCH A CONVENTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ITS ENTRY INTO FORCE WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE SPEEDY REALIZATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY BETWEEN WOMEN AND MEN,

1. TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION OF THE DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN COMPLETED BY THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AT ITS TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION; 2/

2. INVITES MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES CONCERNED TO PRESENT THEIR COMMENTS

ON THE DRAFT CONVENTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BY 15
JULY 1977, SO THAT THEY COULD BE TRANSMITTED BY THE SECRETARY-
GENERAL TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WELL IN ADVANCE OF ITS
THIRTY-SECOND SESSION;

3. SUBMITS THE DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

4. RECOMMENDS THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TAKE UP CONSIDERATION
OF THE DRAFT CONVENTION, IN THE LIGHT OF COMMENTS RECEIVED,
AS A MATTER OF URGENCY AT THE OUTSET OF ITS THIRTY-SECOND
SESSION, WITH A VIEW TO THE ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT CONVENTION
AT THAT SESSION.

1/ E/5894.

2/ SEE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,
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